



PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD AND INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE FACILITY, BREMERTON WASHINGTON

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE A CLOSURE PLAN

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on Ecology's proposed approval of an amended closure plan for a dangerous waste (DW) container storage area located at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS & IMF) in

Bremerton, Washington. This unit and the dangerous waste management that takes place there are regulated by the Washington State dangerous waste regulations which implement the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and can be found in Chapter 173-303 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

The PSNS & IMF stored a variety of wastes in the DW Container Storage Unit. The closure plan proposes to decontaminate and conduct confirmation sampling of the above-ground structures. In addition, soil sampling will be conducted under the buildings and in the fenced yard surrounding the buildings. The data collected as a result of decontamination, sampling, and analysis will be presented in the final closure report. After certification and Ecology approval of final closure, Buildings 944, 982 and the surrounding yard will then continue to be operated as a DW Container Storage Unit, accumulating dangerous waste for less than 90 days, according to the requirements of WAC 173-303-200. A RCRA Permit will not be necessary for the DW Container Storage Unit to continue accumulating waste as long as it is operated in accordance with WAC 173-303-200.

The PSNS & IMF is not proposing to remediate contaminated soil identified as part of the closure sampling and analysis. Instead, any soil and groundwater contamination that is or could be a result of operations that took place at this unit will be handled as part of the CERCLA Record of Decision (ROD) for Operable Unit (OU) B Terrestrial, Site 10 West. The DW Container Storage unit is located within Site 10 West and is therefore covered by the selected remedy set forth in the ROD which went into effect March 08, 2004.

Documents for Public Review:

The public notice of Ecology's intent to approve the amended closure plan, and the proposed amended closure plan are available for public review at the following locations:

- WA State Department of Ecology, Northwest Regional Office, 3190 160th Avenue SE., Bellevue, WA 98008-5452, (425) 649-7190 (call for an appointment).
- Kitsap Regional Library, Information Services, 612 5th St, Bremerton, WA 98337, (360) 377-3955
- WA State Department of Ecology Public Events Calendar, <http://www.ecy.wa.gov>

Public Comment Period: September 19, 2005 – October 18, 2005

Written comments on Ecology's proposed approval to the amended closure plan should be submitted to Ecology by October 18, 2005. A public meeting is not planned for this public comment period. However, one will be held if 10 or more people request one by the end of the public comment period.

Comments or Questions:

Comments or questions should be sent to Robin Harrover, Site Manager, Washington State Department of Ecology, 3190 160th Avenue SE, Bellevue, WA 98008, or by email to: rhar461@ecy.wa.gov.

Ecology is an equal opportunity Agency. If you need this information in an alternate format, please contact the Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program at 360-407-6700. If you are a person with a speech or hearing impairment, call 711, or 1-800-833-6388 for TTY.